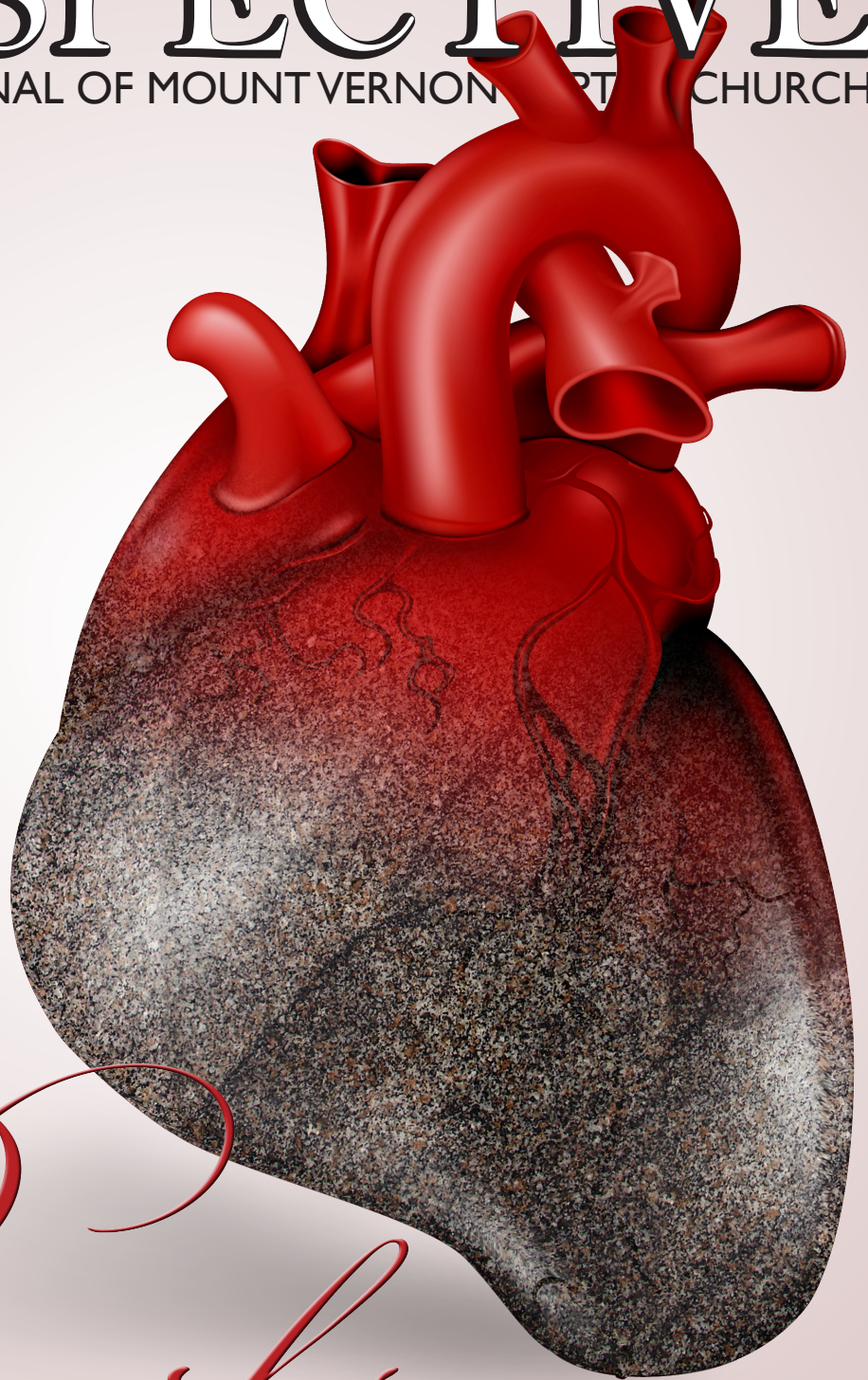


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- August 7** **Get Closer to God**  
James 3:13-4:12
- August 14** **Leadership in the Valley of the Shadow of Death**  
Mark 6:14-44  
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James 4:13-5:12
- August 28** **Join a Family**  
James 5:13-20

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[F]ear not, for I am with you;  
 be not dismayed, for I am your God;  
 I will strengthen you, I will help you,  
 I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.  
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# Knowing the Body

## Deacon Nominees

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**



**Nominee:**  
**Rick Hutchins**  
 Oversees and coordinates all the details associated with Sunday School greeters, Connections Corner, and other administrative responsibilities with Adult Sunday School.

**BAPTISM**

**Nominee:**  
**Jerry Sexton**  
 Oversees and coordinates all the details associated with baptisms.

**BOOKSTALL**



**Nominee:**  
**Mark Lamprecht**  
 Oversees and coordinates all bookstall volunteers and administrative responsibilities.

**BUILDING & GROUNDS**

**Nominee:**  
**Jim Clayton**  
 Assists in overseeing the maintenance and improvement of the church's facility and property.

**FINANCE**



**Nominee:**  
**Larry Norwood**  
 Assists in overseeing the church's finances and financial operations.

**FOOD SERVICE**

**Nominee:**  
**Sam Galbraith**  
 Assists in overseeing Wednesday evening cashiers and all kitchen/food supplies and acts as a liaison between the church and Ultimate Culinary (Chef Andy).

**GREETING**



**Nominees:**  
**Anthony Blalock**  
**Richard Carron**  
 Oversees and coordinates greeters and ushers for Sunday morning worship services.



**HOMEBOUND**

**Nominee:**  
**Luke Gurley**  
 Assists in overseeing and mobilizing members to care for the spiritual and physical well-being of homebound members.



**INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS**



**Nominee:**  
**Dan Taylor**  
 Assists in the oversight of educating and mobilizing members for the church's international mission efforts.

**LORD'S SUPPER**

**Nominee:**  
**Joe Drexler**  
 Oversees the inventory and preparation of the elements and supplies for the Lord's Supper.



**MEMBER CARE**



**Nominees:**  
**Dennis Mosby**  
**Parks Houser**  
 Assists in overseeing and mobilizing members to help meet the urgent, physical needs of one another.



The Elders are pleased to recommend men to serve as Deacons of specific ministries. Below you will find the nominees, the deacon ministries, and a brief description of each ministry's purpose. Please note that these men will not necessarily be performing all the responsibilities associated with the positions, but ensuring that they are done.

We will have a specially-called Church in Conference on **Sunday, August 28**, immediately following the morning service. Each man will be voted on individually, and he must be approved by 75% of the ballots cast in order to be elected as a Deacon.

**PERSONNEL**

**Nominee:**  
**Bill Timmons**  
 Assists in overseeing and providing counsel regarding personnel compensation, policies, and procedures.



**RECREATION**

**Nominee:**  
**Chuck Stone**  
 Assists in overseeing and mobilizing members to be involved in the recreation ministry's evangelistic efforts.



**YOUTH MINISTRY**

**Nominee:**  
**Scott Sullivan**  
 Assists in overseeing and mobilizing members to be involved in the youth ministry.

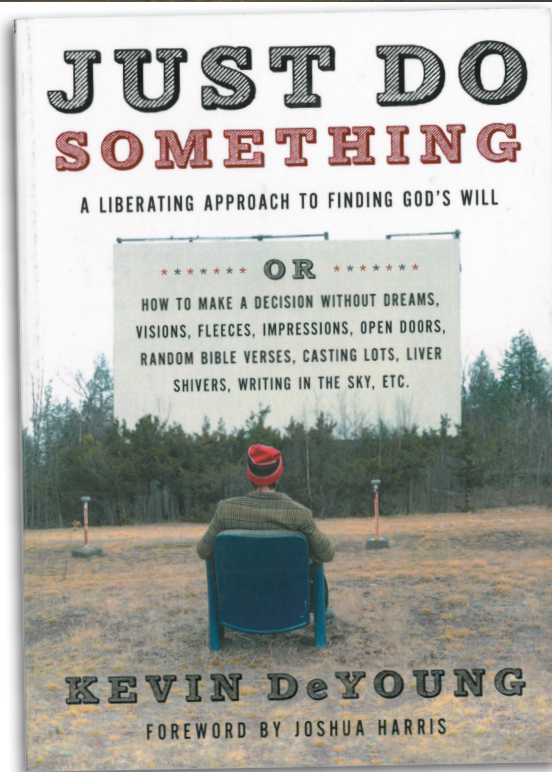


**WIDOWS & WIDOWERS**

**Nominee:**  
**Bob Wharton**  
 Assist in overseeing and mobilizing members to care for the spiritual and physical well-being of widowed members.







## Just Do Something: A Liberating Approach to Finding God's Will

by Kevin DeYoung

Reviewed by Patrick Hearn

TOMMY IS A YOUNG MAN at your church who is about to graduate high school. He is excited about the future, but wants to make sure he stays in the will of God. He has about 10 different options for colleges that he could attend, but has not even begun to try and choose a major. He begins to pray about it daily, asking that God would open the right door for him and close the wrong ones, that God would show him his will. He flips to random passages of Scripture hoping to find direction there. He has even tried putting all the options on a cork board, praying over a dart and then launching it towards the board. But he is still unsure of God's will and does not have peace about his decisions. As the months go by, his excitement about the future turns to anxiety. "Why won't God just reveal to me his will?" He then turns to you, his fellow church member, and asks for guidance. What would your advice be? How does Tommy determine the will of God for his life? How does he avoid making the wrong decisions?

Kevin DeYoung attempts to answer these questions and many more in his book, *Just Do Something: A Liberating Approach to Finding God's Will*. DeYoung realizes that he is not writing the first book on determining the will of God, nor is he writing the last. But he strives to be a voice of sound reason in a time of much confusion about the will of God. In fact, he says he is not trying to help the reader hear God's voice as much as he is saying to stop meandering and just do something.

DeYoung begins his book by building a case that many middle-aged and younger-aged Christians are busy tinkering. They are passively sitting by waiting for direction instead of living life. He uses facts and statistics to show that many are entering into

maturity at a later age and most have a general anxiety about the future. This is leading to a generation of Christians that are uncertain, unstable, and idle.

After building his case, DeYoung attempts to explain why this is happening. He contends that, for many, the current understanding of God's will is flawed. He then carefully explains from Scripture how the will of God should be understood. He points the reader to God's sovereignty and to the Christian's responsibility to keep the commands that God has given. These are the will of God and the things that a Christian should be focused on.

Before diving deeper into the correct view of the will of God, DeYoung shows how an incorrect understanding has manifested itself in the lives of Christians. This is an eye-opening section of the book that reveals how Christians often over-spiritualize decision making. Some of these reasons come about because of circumstances, such as there being more choices available today than ever before. To make a decision means to say no to countless other choices. Other reasons come about because of selfishness, such as the desire for every decision to be perfect and personally fulfilling. DeYoung shows that this dilemma is largely a generational issue. The current generation and their grandparents see the will of God in an entirely different light. The older generation was too busy working to make ends meet and keep food on the table to give much thought to their decisions being personally fulfilling. On the other hand, the younger generation is afraid to make a decision and they usually put it off because they want every decision to be perfect. There is nothing wrong with wanting

perfect decisions, but there is something wrong with not making decisions at all.

DeYoung continues by showing that an expectation for God to reveal the future and to spell out every decision is to treat God like a horoscope. The problem, he says, is the tendency to focus on non-moral decisions. The Scriptures do give guidance, but that guidance is much more focused on how to live for God than if someone should change jobs or not. To expect God to reveal every decision ahead of time is actually a form of not trusting God. It is saying that God can not be trusted unless every step of the future is known ahead of time.

Now that the problem has been presented, and the ramifications of the problem shown, what is the solution? DeYoung's answer is to first and foremost seek the kingdom of God and not worry. God is sovereign, he knows what tomorrow brings, and he has promised to take care of those who love him. The Christian then should be focused on trusting God and living obediently. It may seem at this point that DeYoung is implying to just trust and obey and then do what ever you want just as long as you are doing something. However, he is very clear to say that God does care about the decisions one makes. In fact, he has supplied a means of making decisions, which is wisdom. He even offers advice on how to use wisdom when confronted with a decision. For instance, when choosing where to move, one should consider the ministry that he might have there and the local churches that he might attend.

This book challenges the current day way of thinking about the will of God. It directly confronts the misinformation that has influenced Christian views. It is not a self-help book, and it is not going to make any decisions for you. However, having a biblical understanding of the will of God is freeing. It allows you to live boldly for God where you are instead of being in a constant state of anxiety and idleness. DeYoung's book serves

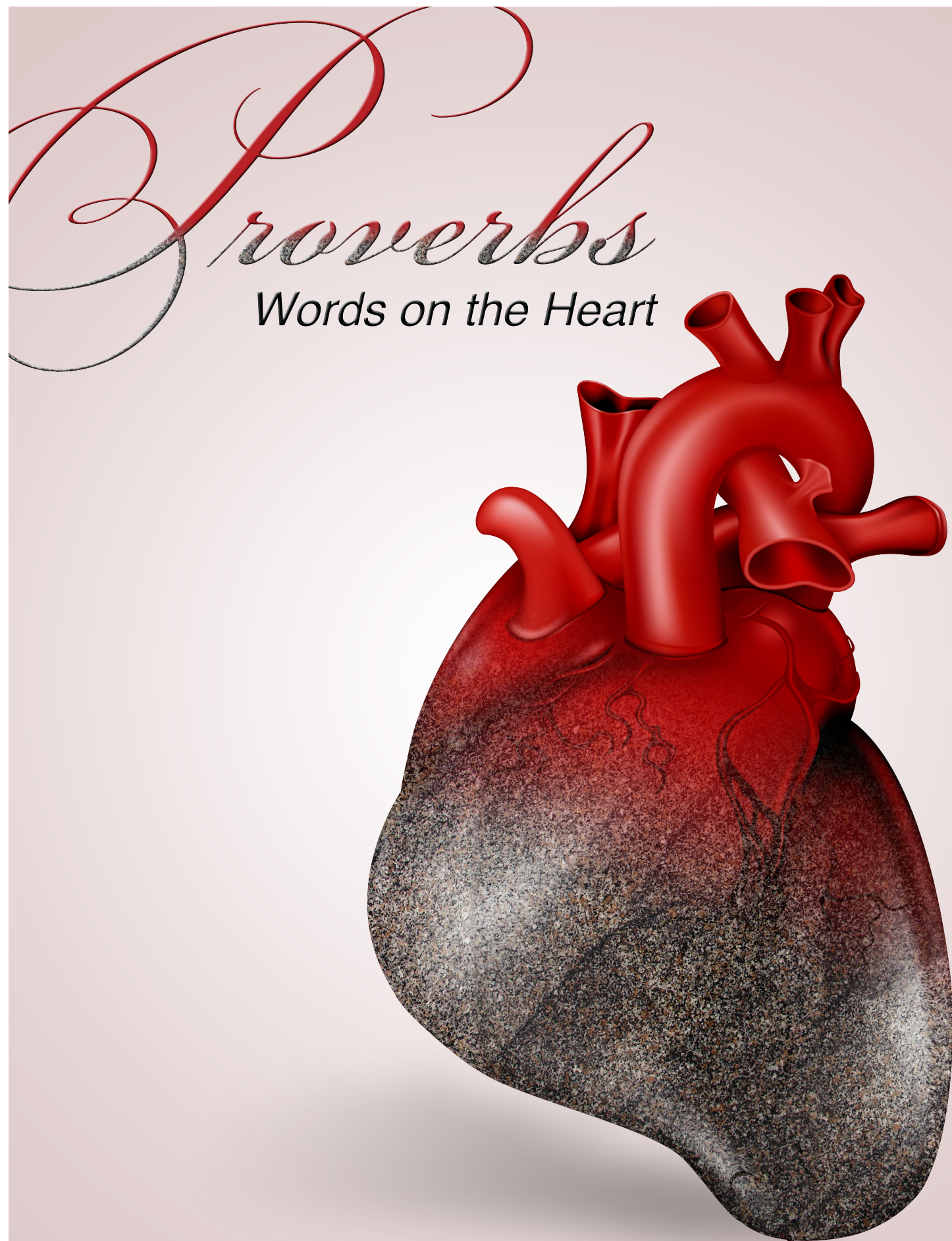
as a sound voice clearly pointing the reader back to Scripture. It takes the focus off of our plans and our happiness and rightly puts it on glorifying our Lord and Savior.

Not only does DeYoung confront these issues, but he does so in a way that is thoughtful and thorough. He presents the problem, explains why it is misguided and then shows the consequences. Once the end result is seen, the dangers of holding to the flawed mindset become apparent. He then uses Scripture to show how to think rightly about the will of God. At times, DeYoung may lean towards being works based. He often talks about being obedient and following moral guidance from the Scriptures, but seldom talks about the driving force behind these things which is Christ. It is clear though, that his emphasis throughout the book is on glorifying God and mobilizing inactive and confused Christians. This is not an ivory tower book. He admits that life is messy and that decisions can be tough. However, this book does push the Christian away from idleness and into action.

This short book, presented in gift form will appeal mostly to the younger generation. DeYoung writes with a bit of sarcasm and uses examples that will be familiar to that audience. However, he states several times that these principals that he is writing about are relevant to all ages. There is something for everyone here. If you do not struggle with determining the will of God, this book can still be a valuable tool to have in your toolbox when offering advice to someone who does.

If you are a young Christian preparing to make many of life's big decisions, this book is for you. If you are someone who finds making decisions daunting and usually delay them as long as possible, this book is for you. If you have ever found yourself wondering why the younger generation has such a hard time making decisions, this book is for you. If you want to understand more on the will of God and glorifying him in your decision making, this book is for you. ■





# Proverbs

## Words on the Heart

### The tale of the scorpion

David Rakoff tells about a scorpion who desperately wanted to get across a river. Since scorpions don't swim, his only hope was a friendly tortoise. Here's how the story goes:

*The scorpion was hamstrung, his tail all aquiver;  
Just how would he manage to get across the river?  
"The water's so deep," he observed with a sigh,  
Which pricked at the ears of the tortoise nearby.*

*"Well why don't you swim?" asked the slow-moving fellow,  
"Unless you're afraid. I mean, what are you, yellow?"  
"It isn't a matter of fear or of whim," said the scorpion,  
"But that I don't know how to swim."*

*"Ah, forgive me. I didn't mean to be glib," when I said that,  
I figured you were an amphibian."  
"No offense taken," the scorpion replied,  
"But how about you help me to reach the far side?  
You swim like a dream, and you have what I lack.  
Let's say you take me across on your back?"*

*"I'm really not sure that's the best thing to do,"  
Said the tortoise, "Now that I see that it's you.  
You've a less than ideal reputation preceding:  
There's talk of all your victims all poisoned and bleeding.  
You're the scorpion—and how can I say this—but, well,  
I just don't feel safe with you riding my shell."*

*The scorpion replied, "What would killing me prove?  
We'd both drown, so tell me: how would that behoove  
Me to basically die at my very own hand  
When all I desire is to be on dry land?"*

*The tortoise considered the scorpion's defense.  
When he gave it some thought, it made perfect sense.  
The niggling voice in his mind he ignored,  
And he swam to the bank and called out: "Climb aboard!"*

*But just a few moments from when they set sail,  
The scorpion lashed out with his venomous tail.  
The tortoise too late understood that he'd blundered  
When he felt his flesh stabbed and his carapace sundered.  
As he fought for his life, he said, "Tell me why  
You have done this! For now we will both surely die!"*

*"I don't know!" cried the scorpion. "You never should trust  
A creature like me because poison I must!  
I'd claim some remorse or at least some compunction,  
But I just can't help it; my form is my function.  
You thought I'd behave like my cousin, the crab,  
But unlike him, it is but my nature to stab."*

*The tortoise expired with one final quiver.  
And then both of them sank, swallowed up by the river.  
The tortoise was wrong to ignore all his doubts—  
Because in the end, friends, our nature wins out.*

The problem that faced the scorpion faces each and every one of us. The battle against sin is impossible to fight unless our very nature changes. A radical transformation needs to take place because, "in the end, friends, our nature wins out." Always.

Each and every one of us is born with a nature—a *sin* nature. Just as that scorpion's nature won out when he stabbed the

tortoise, our sin nature wins out when we backbite, when we grumble, when we covet, when we hate...you get the point. Even when we try to do good, our sin nature wins out. This is why the prophet Isaiah wrote, "All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away" (Isaiah 64:6).

Even when we do righteous *things*, that can't change who we *are*. And in the end, who we *are* always wins out. This is why Paul could write, "There is no one righteous, not even one; there is no one who understands, no one who seeks God" (Romans 3:10-11).

### Proverbs is about Christ

Most of us turn to Proverbs to learn how to live—and for good reason. The book, after all, is full of counsel on how to live a godly and successful life. But the danger is that we would only see it as a guide to successful living. But I'm convinced that Proverbs is more than a book of practical wisdom. Proverbs is a book about our nature or heart. In Proverbs it is abundantly clear that our actions follow our heart.

Since we are born with corrupt hearts, we need help; we need a new heart. A new heart can only come through the work of Christ. By pointing to our need for a pure and holy heart, Proverbs points to Christ. Jesus himself taught that the entire Old Testament—including Proverbs—points to him. After his resurrection, Jesus appeared to his disciples, and he told them that everything which has happened, happened according to God's plan: "Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms" (Luke 24:44). Those three terms—Law of Moses, Prophets, and Psalms—were a way of summarizing the entire Hebrew Bible. "Psalms" was simply shorthand speech for the section of the Old Testament called the Writings, which includes Proverbs. Every part of the Old Testament is about Jesus, Proverbs included.

This means when we come to Proverbs, we can't come simply trying to get our lives cleaned up. That would be like rearranging the deck chairs on the *Titanic*. If you are not a Christian, Proverbs teaches that you need a new nature, a new heart. If you are a Christian, Proverbs reminds you that only in Christ can you obey God's commands. And that is Good News!

To help us think about Proverbs and the implications of this book for our lives, I want to ask four questions, questions that get to the heart of Proverbs and, Lord willing, to our own hearts as well.





### Question One: “What is the heart?”

It is the seat of our character and our desires. It is who we are. The Bible uses the heart to refer to our nature. We should not think of the heart merely as the seat of our emotions. It is that, but it is much more. Our character is bound up in our heart.

What kind of person are we morally? What are our virtues or our vices? These are heart issues. Proverbs 15:13-15 tells us, “A happy heart makes the face cheerful, but heartache crushes the spirit. The discerning heart seeks knowledge, but the mouth of a fool feeds on folly. All the days of the oppressed are wretched, but the cheerful heart has a continual feast.” So a heart can be happy, discerning, and cheerful.

A heart can also be wicked. We see this in Proverbs 10:20, “The tongue of the righteous is choice silver, but the heart of the wicked is of little value.” Character is being highlighted—the character of the righteous versus the character of the wicked.

Our desires are bound up in the heart. This includes our intentions, motivations, plans and goals. These are matters of the heart! Proverbs 16:9, “In his heart a man plans his course, but the LORD determines his steps.” And the God of the universe, the One who plans our course, will judge our desires as surely as he overrules our plans. Proverbs 16:2, “All a man’s ways seem innocent to him, but motives are weighed by the LORD.”

In short, our heart is who we are. This is nicely summed up in Proverbs 27:19, “As water reflects a face, so a man’s heart reflects the man.”

### Question Two: “What does the heart do?”

Our hearts are not passive; they are active. Again, who we are is the most important thing about us. Our heart drives our actions. This is what the scorpion discovered when he said, “It is but my nature to stab.”

In Proverbs the heart is always tied to the hands. Proverbs 21:10, “The wicked man craves evil; his neighbor gets no mercy from him.” This man’s nature was wicked. He craved evil. As a result, he ignored his neighbor. His heart drove his actions. His heart was connected to his hands.

If this is true—and it is—we would expect Proverbs to exhort us to have better, wise hearts. This is exactly what we find. Proverbs 4:5-7, “Get wisdom, get understanding; do not forget my words or swerve from them. Do not forsake wisdom, and she will protect you; love her, and she will watch over you. Wisdom is supreme; therefore get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding.”

The goal is wisdom. But this wisdom is to be loved. Solomon, the author of these verses, is pleading with his son’s heart. If you love wisdom, she will protect you. Solomon doesn’t simply tell us to “be” wise or “to do” wise things. He tells us to love wisdom. This is illustrated in Proverbs 7:2, “Keep my commands and you will live; guard my teachings as the apple of your eye.” Proverbs doesn’t just say, “keep my commandments”; it says “love” my commandments, treasure them. It is what we treasure that ultimately drives us.

In 2010, Michael Jordan was inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame. In his speech he criticized all who doubted him. This included his high school coach who cut Jordan from the varsity team. Jordan hated to lose. He treasured victory more than anything. His heart drove his actions.

The same is true for us. If we love money or power or prestige, we will gladly sacrifice our lives at the altar of success. But if we love God, we will present our bodies as living sacrifices—holy and pleasing to Him.

There is one more thing we need to notice the heart can do: it can deceive. Proverbs 21:2, “All a man’s ways seem right to him, but the LORD weighs the heart.” We can do things that on the surface seem noble, but God knows and judges our motives. As a result, we may do good things for the wrong reason. We may pray, attend church, and be nice, and still, on the inside, be scorpions. Remember Isaiah 64.

We all need to be careful about this. Even if we have a new heart, there are still traces of our old heart lingering inside trying to deceive us. This is why we are not only tempted to return to our old ways, but sometimes we do! The Christian walk is a battle. We all struggle with this.

Let Proverbs 10:20 be an encouragement to each of us: “The purposes of a man’s heart are deep waters, but a man of understanding draws them out.” We all need friends who can draw out the purposes of our heart. We all need friends who can help us see if our hearts are deceived.

### Question Three: “Can I change my heart?”

After reading this, your inclination is probably to do something, to try harder, to work more. We want to take it to the gym and begin to work it out. Start jogging it and lifting weights with it, start watching what our hearts eat; and, eventually, we can get it into shape. But we can’t change our hearts any more than a scorpion can change into a crab.

This is the testimony of Scripture. The entire Bible teaches that our hearts are beyond repair. We see it in Jeremiah 17:9, “The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?” We turn to sin, again and again, because our hearts are deceitful. They are beyond cure. We also see this in Proverbs 20:9, “Who can say, ‘I have kept my heart pure; I am clean and without sin?’” None of us can. Our hearts are unclean. They are impure. They are riddled with sin.

In Mark 7:20 Jesus said, “What comes out of a man is what makes him ‘unclean.’ For from within, out of men’s hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. All these evils come from inside and make a man ‘unclean.’”

Do you see how bad it is? Our heart is like a car that has been totaled. It cannot be repaired. It is like a glass of water with a drop of arsenic. It cannot be drunk. These verses argue against the popular idea that we are basically good people, and because of this inherent goodness, God will accept us. But these verses teach that there are no “basically good people.” We are all scorpions. Many think that if you volunteer at a hospital, pay your taxes, hug your kids, and obey the Golden Rule, God will be pleased. But none of these actions change the fact that absent a radical transformation, we are all scorpions.

On the Day of Judgment, God will *not* count up our good deeds to see if we have done enough to deserve entrance into heaven; he will weigh our hearts. All of this leads us to the main burden of Proverbs: *we need a new heart*, and we can’t get one on our own.

### Question Four: “How can I get a new heart?”

This is an important question that deserves a clear and careful answer. In fact, here are five answers!

*First, believe that God has both the power and the desire to give you a new heart.* Ezekiel 36:26, “I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.” This is God’s plan of salvation. He transforms us. He removes our sinful hearts of stone and replaces them with pure hearts of flesh. He fills us with His Spirit. This is God’s desire. Do you believe that God has both the power and the desire to give you a new heart?

*Second, throw yourself upon the mercy of God.* It is insufficient to know intellectually that God can change you. You must trust Him by throwing yourself upon His mercy. Like a criminal who knows the Judge is his only hope, cry out to the Lord and say, “I’m a scorpion. I can’t save myself, but You can; I can’t change my heart, but You can!” Titus 3:3-5, “At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy.” Have you thrown yourself upon the mercy of God?

*Third, identify with Jesus Christ through repentance and faith.* In order to receive a new heart, we must be united with Christ. This means trusting Him with our lives. It is a matter of the mind—you must believe that He lived a perfect life, that He died for

sinners just like us, and that He rose from the dead. But this kind of trust is also a matter of the will. We must turn to God in repentance. That means committing ourselves to following Christ. 2 Corinthians 5:17, “If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!” When you identify with Christ you have been changed. You are not the same man or woman or child you once were. You are now free to love the Lord with all your heart. Have you identified with Jesus Christ through repentance and faith?

*Fourth, pursue holiness.* Because of God’s power and mercy on display in Jesus’ death and resurrection, the Christian has a new heart and is now able to live for the Lord. You can now serve God with your whole heart (Romans 1:9). You can pray because your heart is filled with the love of God (Romans 5:5). You can open your hearts to others in love and friendship (2 Corinthians 6:11). You can do the will of God from your heart (Ephesians 6:6). Because every believer has not only died with Christ but been raised with him as well, he can now be holy. Are you pursuing holiness?

*Fifth, rejoice at what God has done.* In 1985, Matthew David Scott of Absecon, New Jersey, lost most of his hand in a fireworks accident. Nineteen years later, in 1999, Dr. Warren C. Breidenbach replaced his mangled hand in a fifteen-hour operation. It was the nation’s first hand transplant and it took place at Jewish Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky.

As surely as Dr. Breidenbach gave that man a new hand, God has given every Christian a new heart. If that is you, you are a walking miracle. Rejoice! By the grace of God, you have been made alive. Martin Luther knew how to rejoice:

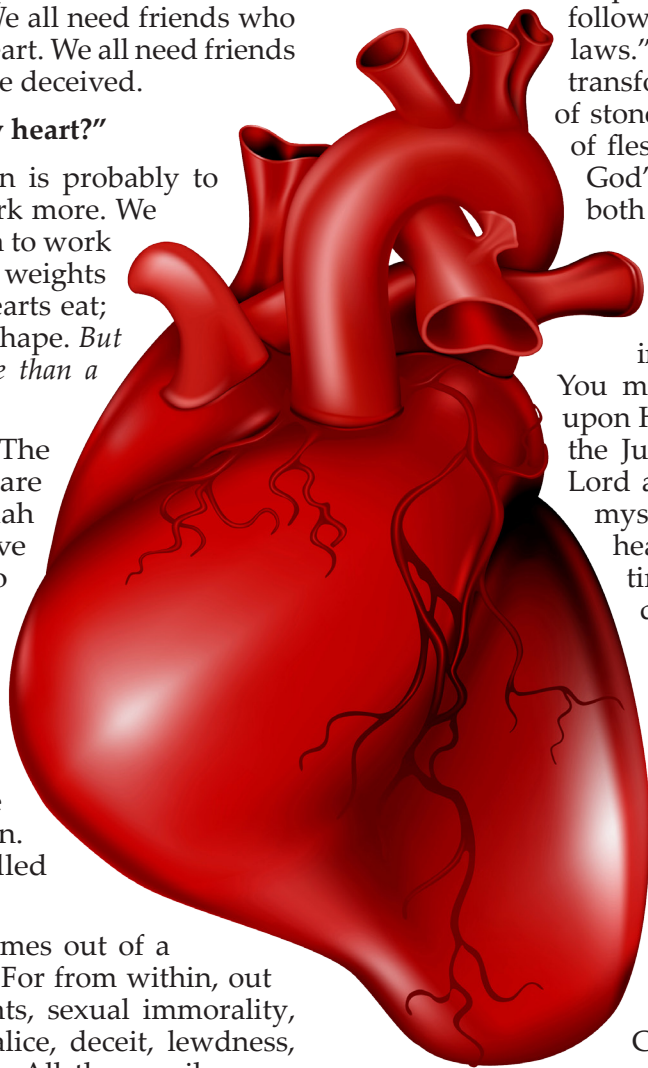
Who can understand the riches of the glory of this grace? Here the rich and divine bridegroom Christ marries this poor, wicked harlot, redeems her from all her evil, and adorns her with all his goodness. Her sins cannot now destroy her, since they are laid upon Christ and swallowed up by him. And she has that righteousness in Christ, her husband, of which she may boast as of her own and which she can confidently display alongside her sins in the face of death and hell and say, “If I have sinned, yet my Christ, in whom I believe, has not sinned, and all his is mine and all mine is his.”

Proverbs is a book about our need for hearts that love wisdom. This kind of love only comes from men and women who find their satisfaction in the cross of Christ. Only through Christ, the only truly wise man who ever lived, can we be wise. Only through his death can our sins be atoned for. Only through his resurrection can we live for holiness. Only through his work can our hearts be replaced.

Rejoice. If you are a Christian you are no longer a scorpion. ■

~Aaron Menikoff

This article was adapted from a sermon delivered by Pastor Aaron on October 31, 2010.





# August 2011

7 ▶ 9:15 am <i>Knowing MVBC: Session 1</i> ▶ 10:30 am Lord's Supper ▶ 12:00 pm Directory Pictures ▶ 12:15 pm <i>Knowing MVBC: Sessions 2-4</i>	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 <i>Promotion Sunday</i> ▶ 9:30 am Joint Sunday School ▶ 10:30 am Guest Preacher: Mack Stiles	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 ▶ 12:15 pm <i>Parents' Meeting</i>	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 ▶ 12:00 pm Special Church in Conference ▶ 12:15 pm Sunday School & Equipping Matters Luncheon	29	30	31			
			3 ▶ 5:30 pm Directory Pictures	4	5	6 ▶ 9:00 am <i>Children's Workday</i>

## EVENTS ◀ BIRTHDAYS

### Churchwide ▼

August 3 5:30 pm *Pictorial Directory Pictures*  
 August 7 10:30 am *Lord's Supper*  
 We encourage members to examine their hearts and relationships with one another in preparation for this celebration of Christ's death and resurrection.  
 August 7 12:00 pm *Pictorial Directory Pictures*  
 August 14 9:30 am *Joint Sunday School*  
 We will have a joint Sunday School class with guest speaker Mack Stiles in the fellowship hall.  
 August 28 12:00 pm *Special Church in Conference*  
 We will have a special Church in Conference immediately following the morning service to vote on deacon nominations. Absentee ballots will be made available in the church office. (For more information on the nominees, see page 1.)

### Children ▼

August 6 9:00 am *Children's Workday*  
 August 21 12:15 pm *Parents' Meeting*

### New Members ▼

August 7 9:15 am *Knowing MVBC: Session 1*  
 12:15 pm *Knowing MVBC: Sessions 2-4*  
 (See ad below.)

3 Carolyn Versele	16 Melvin Mooney
4 Mark McCallum	Bo Stillwagon
Jo Anne Padgett	17 Paul Holtzclaw
Minnie Reddick	Carolyn Nygaard
Gary Reid	Janet Olver
Wayne Tucker	18 Nancy Garner
Nancy Wilkinson	19 Linda Baugh
5 David Dorsett	Candy Houser
Adam Parker	20 Bill Mitchell
Suzi Voyles	Pat Terry
7 Michael Reagan	21 Dot George-Phillips
8 Anna Carron	Jim Heiskell
Lee Gregory	JoEllen Langmack
Ron Harris	23 Clint Daniel
Greg Tatum	Bonnie Laney
Jim Wellman	Cheri Perkins
9 Emily Boynton	24 Deana Menikoff
Ruth Murdock	25 Thomas Dean
10 Bill Franklin	Charles Harkey
Troy Kubes	26 Bob Wharton
Vicki Nash	27 Larry Baugh
Iain White	Charlotte Dixon
11 Kacy Chamblee	28 Karen Ford
Anne Elizabeth Goodgame	Darcelle Reid
12 Peg Windham	31 John Galloway
15 Elinor Becknell	Julia Gurley
Lisa Blackburn	Ida Wheeler

### Knowing MVBC: The Membership Class

is a four session course that introduces you to life at Mount Vernon, covering the following topics:

- Knowing Our Commitments: Church Covenant
- Knowing Our Beliefs: Statement of Faith
- Knowing Our Structure: Leadership
- Knowing How to Be Involved: Discipling & Service

Anyone interested in membership or knowing more about life at Mount Vernon is invited to *Knowing MVBC*. All four sessions will be offered Sunday, August 7 (session 1 at 9:15 am in the Mount Vernon Room and sessions 2-4 starting at 12:00 pm in Room 232). Lunch will be provided. You may sign up on the edge of the bulletin or by contacting the church office at 404-255-3133 or by email at [info@mvbchurch.org](mailto:info@mvbchurch.org).







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